

Carol Liu (D-La Cañada Flintridge) was elected to the California State Senate in 2008. She represented the 44th Assembly District from 2000-2006. Prior to her election to the State Assembly, Carol served eight years as a City Councilmember, including two terms as Mayor, of La Cañada Flintridge.Many key pieces of legislation Carol authored during her tenure in the Assembly and Senate were signed into law, including bills to reinvigorate career and technical education at the high school level, help foster children, reduce recidivism among female prison inmates, lower the costs of college textbooks, and prevent domestic violence.Her legislative agenda in the Senate includes improving public education and access to early childhood education, increasing access to higher education, and assuring essential services for the elderly, low-income and disabled. She is committed to breaking the cycles of poverty and crime. She is also working to improve environmental quality and access to public transportation. Carol's Committee assignments include chairing the Senate Human Services Committee and the Budget Subcommittee on Education. She also chairs the Senate Select Committee on Women and Children in the Criminal Justice System.



**Mitchell H. Katz, MD**, joined the Department of Health Services as Director in January, 2011. He oversees a \$3.5 annual budget, 21,000 employees, and a health care system of acute hospitals, multiservice specialty centers, community health clinics and the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Agency that together serves the County's 10 Million residents. Among his top priorities are to strengthen the DHS outpatient delivery network, foster stronger coordination with the Department's community clinic partners, reduce health disparities, and provide the high-quality, patient-centered care at the heart of his approach as a practicing physician and health policy leader. Prior to joining DHS, Dr. Katz served as Director of Health and Health Officer for the San Francisco Department of Public Health (SFDPH) from 1997 to 2010. There, one of his signature accomplishments was creation of the 'Healthy San Francisco' initiative that established primary care medical homes for the city's vulnerable residents that improved health outcomes and reduced medical care costs. Earlier,

he served as SFDPH Director of Community Health and Safety from 1996 to 1997 and Director of the AIDS Office from 1992-1997. Dr. Katz received a Bachelor's Degree from Yale University and Medical Degree from Harvard Medical School. He completed his residency in Primary Care Internal Medicine at the University of California, San Francisco, and is a practicing Internist. An avid bicyclist, Dr. Katz enjoys navigating the urban jungle, promoting active and healthy living, and sharing 'greenwill' across the County of Los Angeles



**Paul Simon, M.D.** is the Director of the Division of Chronic Disease and Injury Prevention at the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health (LAC DPH) and an Adjunct Professor in the Department of Epidemiology at the UCLA School of Public Health. Dr. Simon received his MD from the University of Michigan School of Medicine and his MPH in Epidemiology from the UCLA School of Public Health. He is board certified in pediatrics and preventive medicine. After completing a two-year fellowship in field epidemiology with the Epidemic Intelligence Service (EIS Program) at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) in 1992 and Dr. Simon served as a Medical Epidemiologist in CDC's Division of HIV/AIDS Prevention, assigned to the Los Angeles County HIV Epidemiology Program from 1992-1998. From 1998-2006 he was the Director of the Office of Health Assessment and Epidemiology in the LAC DPH. In his current position, he oversees the Tobacco Control and Prevention Program, Nutrition Program, Physical Activity and Cardiovascular Health Program,

Policies for Livable Active Communities and Environments (PLACE) Program, Office of Senior Health, Injury and Violence Prevention Program, and two CDC-funded projects focused on obesity and tobacco control and prevention.



Brenda Roche, MS, RD is the Nutrition, Family & Consumer Sciences Advisor at the University of California Cooperative Extension in Los Angeles County. She began working at UC Cooperative Extension in August, 2008. Roche oversees two federally funded nutrition education programs - the Expanded Food & Nutrition Education Program (EFNEP) and the Food Stamp Nutrition Education Program (FSNEP). She also coordinates with University of California specialists and academic advisors to implement applied research programs and to disseminate research-based information on nutrition and health to low-income communities in Los Angeles.



Adrienne Hirsch, R.D, the clinical dietitian at Hudson Comprehensive Health Center which is under the umbrella of LAC+USC Medical Center. Bilingual in Spanish and English, Adrienne provides medical nutrition therapy to a mostly Latino population. She is responsible for the nutrition component of the Weigh-to-Go clinic for the prevention and treatment of childhood obesity. Adrienne received a bachelor's degree in Foods, Nutrition and French Culture from the University of California, Davis, completed her dietetics traineeship at the University of California, Berkeley and nearly completed her MPH in Behavioral Sciences and Health Education from the UCLA School of Public Health. She was previously a clinical dietitian at UCLA Medical Center specializing in critical care for nine years, took a break for child rearing and has been at LAC+USC for almost 3 years.